Chapter 4

Nickel-Catalyzed Asymmetric Reductive Cross-Coupling of N-Hydroxyphthalimide Esters and Alkenyl Bromides

4.1 INTRODUCTION

As part of our efforts to develop asymmetric cross-coupling reactions that employ a variety of C(sp³) electrophiles, we became interested in the coupling of redox-active *N*hydroxyphthalimide (NHP) esters.^{1,2} These electrophiles are prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acids, and have been recently demonstrated as C(sp³) substrates for Ni-catalyzed Negishi,^{3,4} Suzuki,⁵ and reductive cross-coupling⁶ reactions to generate racemic products (Scheme 4.1).^{7,8} However, NHP esters have not been demonstrated as competent coupling partners in Ni-catalyzed *enantioselective* cross-coupling reactions. We recognized that the use of NHP esters might be advantageous for substrates in which

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the corresponding alkyl chlorides are unstable or challenging to prepare. We recognize that many feedstock chemicals contain carboxylic acids, and finding a straightforward means of engaging carboxylic acid derivatives in asymmetric cross-coupling reactions would be of great use to the synthetic community.

Scheme 4.1. NHP esters in cross-coupling reactions.

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4.2 **REACTION DEVELOPMENT**

Our efforts began with NHP ester **31**, which is prepared in one step from commercially available 2-phenylpropanoic acid. Subjection of **31** and **27** to our optimal conditions developed for the reductive cross-coupling of alkenyl bromides and benzyl chlorides⁹ provided only trace quantities of product (Table 4.1, entry 1), highlighting the challenges presented by this new C(sp³)-electrophile. Slightly improved results could be obtained under the same conditions by adding 1.0 equiv TMSCl (Table 4.1, entry 2). An investigation of alternative reductants revealed that tetrakis(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)ethylene (TDAE) substantially increased the reactivity, delivering **28** in 61% yield and 95% ee (Table 4.1, entries 2–4).¹⁰





Monitoring the reaction progress at room temperature indicated that (*E*)-1-(2chlorovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene was forming and accumulating under the reaction conditions, presumably through a Ni-catalyzed halide exchange process.^{11,12} Since the alkenyl chloride does not readily engage in the cross-coupling reaction, we hypothesized that the yield of **28** could be improved by removing chloride from the reaction, thus preventing formation of this unproductive side product. Indeed, the use of TMSBr instead of TMSCl, and the use of **L4**·Ni**B**r₂ as the catalyst, furnished product **28** in 75% yield and 92% ee (Table 4.2, entry 2). By decreasing the reaction temperature to -7 °C, and using only 1.5 equivalents of TDAE, **28** could be obtained in 80% yield and 96% ee (Table 4.2, entry 4). Unfortunately, the reaction mixture freezes at temperatures lower than -7 °C. Interestingly, in the coupling of (1-chloroethyl)benzene (**24**), TDAE provides the cross-coupled product in only 23% yield and 94% ee. Running the reaction under the optimal conditions, but omitting TMSBr, confirms that this additive is critical for obtaining high yields of **28** (Table 4.2, entry 3). The role of TMSBr under the optimal conditions, which do not employ a metal reductant, is unclear. TMSCl has been proposed to activate Mn^0 or $Zn^{0.13,14}$ We note that these optimal reaction conditions employ a 1:1 stoichiometry of the two electrophiles and only 10 mol % catalyst loading.







4.3 SUBSTRATE SCOPE

To demonstrate the scope of the reaction, a series of (*E*)-alkenyl bromides was cross-coupled with NHP ester **31**, providing the corresponding products in uniformly good yield and high ee (Table 4.3). The reaction exhibits good tolerance of Lewis basic functional groups: for example, anilines (**181**), nitriles (**183**), and esters (**184**, **188**) can be incorporated into the substrate without detriment to the yield or enantioselectivity. A pyridine-containing alkenyl bromide also performs well, providing **187** in 67% yield and 95% ee. In addition, alkyl-substituted alkenyl bromides react smoothly, providing the corresponding products in good yield and ee (**188–191**). An alkenyl bromide possessing a free alcohol couples efficiently, although silylation occurs under the reaction conditions to give silyl ether **191**. The silyl ether can easily be cleaved with a mild acid workup; in

this case it was preserved in order to facilitate purification. It is notable that alkenyl MIDA-boronate **192** and alkenyl silane **193** can be prepared in 97% ee from commercially available vinyl bromides and could be used in further cross-couplings. To demonstrate that this method can be used preparatively, the coupling between **31** and **27** was conducted on 5.0 mmol scale, which delivered 918 mg (77% yield) of **28** in 91% ee.





^a Isolated yields, reactions conducted on 0.2 mmol scale under an N₂ atmosphere in a glovebox. % ee determined by SFC using a chiral stationary phase. ^b 1.5 equiv NHP ester used. ^c 2.0 equiv TMSBr used; the alcohol silylated under reaction conditions.



Table 4.4. NHP ester substrate scope.^a

^{*a*} Isolated yields, reactions conducted on 0.2 mmol scale under an N_2 atmosphere in a glovebox. % ee determined by SFC using a chiral stationary phase.

The reaction also exhibits broad scope for the NHP ester coupling partner, delivering good yields and high enantioselectivities for a range substrates bearing substitution on the arene or at the benzylic position (Table 4.4). In certain cases (e.g. **194–196**), the NHP esters cross-couple with improved yield relative to the corresponding benzyl chlorides (under the previously reported conditions).⁹ Moreover, aniline **198** can be prepared in 66% yield and 94% ee; this compound could not be accessed via our previously reported benzylic chloride coupling due challenges in preparing and handling 4-(chloro(phenyl)methyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline under standard conditions. Higher substitution at the benzylic position is also tolerated (**200–205**), although the yield begins to decrease with larger groups (e.g. ^{*i*}Pr, **202**). Notable products include **203**, which

incorporates a siloxy group, **204**, containing an alkene, and **205**, which has an alkyl chloride. Perfect chemoselectivity for cross-coupling of the NHP ester over the primary alkyl chloride is observed.

Although the primary focus of this study was the cross-coupling of NHP esters with alkyl substituents at the benzylic position, we have also have begun to investigate substrates containing heteroatom substitution (Scheme 4.2). Reaction of α -methoxy ester **207** proceeds smoothly, furnishing allylic ether **208** in good yield and ee. This highlights an advantage of the NHP ester for certain C(sp³) electrophiles, as the corresponding α chloroether substrate is unstable and difficult to work with.

Scheme 4.2. Reaction of α -methoxy NHP ester.



4.4 MECHANISTIC INVESTIGATIONS

We propose a catalytic cycle similar to the radical chain reaction mechanism described in **Chapter 2** for the cross-coupling of NHP esters and alkenyl bromides (Figure 4.1). Starting from a Ni(0) species (14), oxidative addition with alkenyl bromide **209** produces Ni(II)-alkenyl complex **210**. This can undergo radical addition with a benzylic radical (**214**) generated from single electron transfer (SET) with a Ni(I)-halide species (**21**), to form Ni(III) **211**. This Ni(III) complex can undergo reductive elimination to form the desired product **212** and a Ni(I) species, which can then undergo single-electron transfer (SET) with NHP ester substrate **213** to form Ni(II)-dihalide **22**. We hypothesize that this SET event results in the oxidation of Ni(I) species **21** to cationic

Ni(II) (216) and the reduction of phthalimide 213. The resultant radical anionic species 215 could then decarboxylate to give the alkyl radical (214) and an equivalent of anionic phthalimide (217). We believe a role of TMSBr in the reaction could be to trap this stoichiometric phthalimide species to prevent reaction inhibition. Reduction of 22 regenerates 14 and closes the cycle.

Figure 4.1. Proposed catalytic cycle for reductive alkenylation of NHP esters.



Radical fragmentation pathway:



To probe for the intermediacy of a radical species, NHP ester **218** was prepared and subjected to the standard cross-coupling conditions (Scheme 4.3, 10 mol % **L4-NiBr**₂). A 42% combined yield of the coupled products **219a–c** was obtained. It has been shown that for phenyl substituted cyclopropyl carbonyl radicals, the ring opening is reversible and that the cyclopropane species is favored at lower temperatures.^{15,16} The fact that **219b** and **219c** predominate, even though they derive from the minor equilibrium species, perhaps indicates that the rate of radical recombination with nickel is sensitive to the steric profile of the radical. When the catalyst loading of L4•NiBr₂ was varied, the ratio of **219a** to total ring opened product (**219b** + **219c**) was found to increase at higher nickel concentrations. This Ni-dependent behavior suggests that the mechanism proceeds through a cage-escaped radical, which at higher concentrations of L4•NiBr₂, can competitively recombine with nickel before undergoing ring scission.¹⁷

Scheme 4.3. Radical clock study.



Mechanistic Hypothesis:



Further studies of the mechanism are ongoing; it is unclear at this time whether the absolute stereochemistry is set during the oxidative addition or reductive elimination¹⁸ steps. We do note, however, that the products are formed in similar ee when using either the NHP esters under the conditions reported here or the benzyl chloride using the conditions reported previously,⁹ which suggests that the reactions proceed through the same stereochemistry-determining step.

4.5 CYLINDROCYCLOPHANE NATURAL PRODUCTS

4.5.1 Background and significance

The cylindrocyclophanes are a family of cytotoxic natural products isolated from the photosynthetic cyanobacteria *Cylindrospermum licheniforme* Kützing (ATTC 29204).^{19–21} Many of these natural products are C₂-symmetric, featuring a unique 22membered, [7,7]-paracyclophane skeleton (Figure 4.2). Isotopic sodium acetate labeling studies revealed the polyketide origin of these paracyclophane natural products and the highly symmetric nature of the observed isotope patterns suggested a head-to-tail dimerization of a monomer unit.^{19,20} Recently, Balskus and coworkers elucidated details of the biosynthesis through the use of genome-sequencing and *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments.^{22,23} The enzymatic reactions involved in the paracyclophane formation include an enantioselective chlorination of an unactivated $C(sp^3)$ –H bond, followed by first an intermolecular stereospecific aromatic ring alkylation, then a second, intramolecular alkylation to complete the macrocyclization.²⁴

Figure 4.2. Cylindrocyclophanes A–F.



Initial reports found that several cylindrocyclophanes are cytotoxic against KB and LoVo tumor cells lines ($IC_{50} = 2-10 \ \mu g/mL$).²⁰ Orjala and coworkers determined that chlorinated cylindrocyclophanes inhibit the 20S proteasome, an important protein in the control of apoptosis, differentiation and proliferation in healthy and cancer cells.²⁵ It is believed the chloroalkyl moiety is important for inhibition of the proteasome, and that the presence of the hydroxyl groups at C1 and C14 contribute to binding.

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Scheme 4.4. Prior syntheses of the cylindrocyclophanes that employ head-to-tail cyclodimerization approaches.



Leveraging the C₂-symmetry of these molecules, previous synthetic approaches have employed head-to-tail cyclodimerization strategies (Scheme 4.4). In 2000, Smith and coworkers prepared cylindrocyclophane A and F by using a cross-metathesis/ringclosing metathesis (CM/RCM) reaction of diolefin **221** to form macrocycle **222** (Scheme 4.4a), which could be elaborated to either cylindrocyclophane A or F, depending on the oxidation pattern.^{26,27} The same year, Hoye reported a synthesis of cylindrocyclophane A in which Masamune-Roush conditions for a double Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons dimerization were used to construct macrocycle **224** (Scheme 4.4b).²⁸ More recently, Nicolaou and coworkers reported the use of a Ramberg-Bäcklund olefination reaction to construct **226**, possessing the cylindrocyclophane core (Scheme 4.4c).²⁹





In considering an approach to the cylindrocyclophanes, we envisioned that the target compounds could be prepared from macrocycle **229** or **230**, possessing C5–C6 and C18–C19 unsaturation (Scheme 4.5). Macrocycle **229** would arise from a Ni-catalyzed double asymmetric reductive cross-coupling of the bis-electrophile **227**, in which the key C6–C7 and C19–C20 bonds would be formed while also setting the C7/C20 stereogenic centers. This strategic application of an asymmetric reductive cross-coupling is particularly well-suited for the preparation of the macrocyclic cylindrocyclophanes, since

it obviates the need to prepare a dimerization substrate containing both an electrophile and a reactive organometallic functionality—as would be required for a conventional cross-coupling. Moreover, investigation of the key reductive alkenylation will advance the scope and deepen our understanding of these new and underexploited reductive crosscoupling transformations.

4.5.2 Preliminary studies

In 2014, our laboratory reported a Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive crosscoupling between alkenyl bromides and benzyl chlorides, which employ chiral BOX ligand L4 and use Mn^0 as a stoichiometric reductant (Scheme 4.6a).⁹ In 2017, the scope of this transformation was expanded through the use of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (NHP) esters as the C(sp³) electrophile, allowing for the incorporation of electron-rich functional groups on the arene (this chapter, Scheme 4.6b).³⁰ In the case of the NHP esters, the optimal conditions used tetrakisdimethylaminoethylene (TDAE) as the stoichiometric reductant and TMSBr as an activating agent.

Scheme 4.6. Asymmetric reductive cross-coupling reactions with alkenyl bromides.



Based on this prior work, we envisioned preparing the cylindrocyclophane F macrocycle by a Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive dimerization/macrocyclization of NHP ester **227** (Scheme 4.5). Although the asymmetric reductive coupling of NHP esters tolerates electron-rich substrates, the *o*,*o*-disubstitution on the arene of the required substrate was expected to present a challenge to the established conditions and would require further reaction development.

To first probe the feasibility of the intermolecular reductive cross-coupling, model substrates **231** and **232** were synthesized (Scheme 4.7). The benzylic NHP ester substrate **231** was selected over the corresponding benzylic chloride due to its improved stability; the corresponding benzylic chloride readily eliminates to give the styrene during isolation and purification. A mixture of **231** and **232** were subjected to conditions previously developed for asymmetric reductive alkenylation of NHP esters: NiBr₂(diglyme) as catalyst, ^oPro-indaBOX (**L4**) as ligand, TDAE as the stoichiometric reductant, and TMSBr as an activating agent; however, no product formation was observed under these conditions. In contrast, when Mn⁰ was used as the stoichiometric reductant, the product was formed in 15% yield. At this time, it is unclear why TDAE does not work, even though it was found to be optimal in our original report; we will continue to investigate the use of TDAE and related organic reductants in our future work.





Following a survey of solvents including DMA, THF, and NMP, and several bis(oxazoline) (BOX) and bi(oxazoline) (BiOX) chiral ligands,³¹ it was determined that DMA provided the most productive reactivity and L6, a new chiral ligand developed in our laboratory for diarylalkane formation (Chapter 2),³² furnished the most promising enantioselectivity (Table 4.5). It is possible that the improved reactivity observed with the BiOX ligands results from the increased *N*–*N* distance, which provides better access to the nickel center for more sterically demanding coupling partners.

Table 4.5. Ligand optimization of model cross-coupling.



The major side product in the reaction is diene **234**, resulting from homo-coupling of **232**. Although the homo-dimer derived from **231** was not isolated, NHP ester **231** was consumed under the conditions. While **L6** provides the most promising enantioselectivity, the initial screening of reaction parameters was conducted with **L35**, since it was more readily available at the time the screen was performed. The ee of **233** improved slightly when the temperature was lowered to 0 °C, and the ratio of product **233** to dimer **234** improved (Table 4.6, entry 3). Use of Zn^0 as a reductant instead of Mn^0 gave comparable results. Interestingly, when 2.0 equivalents NHP ester **231** were employed, the yield almost doubled, giving **233** in 52% yield in 73% ee (Table 4.6, entry 6). This suggests that increasing the concentration of carbon-centered radical increases the productive cross-coupling.

 Table 4.6.
 Optimization of model cross-coupling.



4.5.3 Further development of substrate scope

Our efforts toward the cylindrocyclophanes will first focus on further improving the yield of the reductive alkenylation NHP ester **231**. Moving forward, we will reinvestigate chiral ligands, reductants, and additives while running the reaction at 0 °C, which showed improved ratios of product **233** to homo-dimer **234**. Our preliminary studies determined that the yield increases when excess NHP ester is used, which could indicate that there is degradation of **231** through off-cycle non-productive pathways (see Figure 4.1 for proposed catalytic cycle). It is possible that tuning of the redox potential of the ester could improve the yield; thus, we will also investigate whether other redox-active esters (**235**, **236**, **237**) provide improved reactivity (Figure 4.3). In addition to tuning the redox potential of the ester, we will investigate whether substitution at the *para* position of the arene (e.g. **238**, X substituent) can be used to tune the stability of the radical; having a handle at the *para* position would also be helpful as we ultimately need to functionalize the arene here for elaboration to **227** (Figure 4.3). Similarly, different protecting groups at the *ortho* position will be evaluated for their effect on yield and selectivity (e.g. **239**, Y substituent).

Figure 4.3. Electronic tuning of NHP ester substrate.



Given the promising levels of enantioselectivity obtained when using 4-HeptylBiOX (L6) under the initial screening conditions, we feel confident that appropriate conditions to deliver the product in high yield and enantioselectivity can be identified. Moreover, once optimal conditions have been identified for the cross-coupling between 231 and 232, we will investigate whether these conditions broaden the scope of the reductive alkenylation with respect to other challenging substrates. Of particular interest is improved reactivity with other NHP (or related) esters bearing *o*-substitution (240), or bulky substituents at the benzylic position (241) (Figure 4.4). In addition, we will investigate whether the newly identified conditions enable the cross-coupling of *Z*and trisubstituted alkenyl bromides (242 and 243), substrates that fail to cross-couple under our first-generation conditions. Thus, in addition to solving the specific synthetic challenge presented by the cylindrocyclophanes, these studies will also serve to improve the generality of these asymmetric reductive alkenylation reactions.

Figure 4.4. Expansion of substrate scope.



4.5.4 Synthesis of cylindrocyclophane F

Having identified conditions for the Ni-catalyzed enantioselective cross-coupling between **231** and **232**, attention will turn to the synthesis of a bifunctional dimerization/macrocyclization substrate for the synthesis of cylindrocylophane F (Scheme 4.8). As part of our strategy design, we envisioned using aryl bromide **245** as a lynchpin unit, wherein cross-coupling chemistry could be employed to modularly join the fragments containing the NHP ester and alkenyl bromide functionalities. This approach would ultimately provide a flexible route that could be used to prepare additional cylindrocyclophane natural products. To this end, commercially available aryl bromide **245** was coupled to *tert*-butyl acetate (**246**) under Pd-catalyzed enolate arylation conditions in 88% yield.³³ Ester **247** can be smoothly alkylated with 1-bromobutane to give **248** in 78% yield. Ester **248** is then submitted to Ir-catalyzed C–H borylation conditions,^{34–36} and the resulting aryl pinacol boronate is formed in 87% yield. This pinacol boronate will then be coupled with alkyl iodide **250** using the Ni-catalyzed conditions developed by Fu and coworkers.^{37,38} Preliminary experiments demonstrate we can cross-couple a simple alkyl iodide with **249** in good yield (not shown), demonstrating the feasibility of this transformation. Alkyne **250** can be prepared from commercially available hex-5-ynoic acid following a protocol developed by Paquette.³⁹ Finally, alkyne **251** will be converted to the alkenyl bromide, and the ester will be transesterified to give bis-electrophile **227**.



Scheme 4.8. Synthesis of dimerization substrate 227.40



Scheme 4.9. Ni-catalyzed dimerization to give cylindrocyclophane F (220F).

Bis-electrophile **227** will be subjected to the Ni-catalyzed reductive alkenylation conditions developed on the model system (Scheme 4.9). A range of reaction concentrations will be explored in order to favor the formation of macrocycle **229** over competing linear dimerization reactions. Hydrogenation of **229** and demethylation under standard conditions will provide cylindrocyclophane F (**220F**).

4.5.5 Alternative strategies

Scheme 4.10. Sequential reductive coupling to access 229.



If the Ni-catalyzed asymmetric double reductive alkenylation strategy to form the cylindrocyclophanes proves problematic, two back-up strategies have been devised. The

first is a sequential coupling approach (Scheme 4.10), in which a Ni-catalyzed reductive coupling of vinyl bromide **253** with NHP ester **254** will provide **255**. Conversion of the alkyne to the alkenyl bromide, and conversion of the methyl ester to the NHP ester, will enable a second Ni-catalyzed reductive coupling to form the macrocycle and intercept diene **229**. Hydrogenation and demethylation would provide **220F**.

Me Me Me 1. borylation Me 2. Ni-catalyzed [LNi] NHP reductant coupling ОМе MeO MeO OMe MeO OMe 238 257 256 Me Ŵе Ме MeO OMe CM/RCM OMe MeO Me Ŵе 229

Scheme 4.11. Macrocyclization through CM/RCM to access 229.

The second back-up strategy will prepare the key fragment, **229**, using a Nicatalyzed asymmetric reductive alkenylation of NHP ester **238** (Scheme 4.11). Ircatalyzed borylation of arene **256** followed by Ni-catalyzed cross-coupling will provide diene **257**. Exposure of **257** to the CM/RCM conditions developed by Smith and coworkers should result in macrocycle formation, and hydrogenation and demethylation would complete the synthesis of **220F**. This route could prove necessary if our optimization studies of the Ni-catalyzed alkenylation reveal that electronic modulation of the NHP ester through *p*-substitution is required.

4.6 CONCLUSION

In summary, these results demonstrate that Ni-catalyzed reductive cross-coupling reactions of NHP esters can be rendered highly enantioselective, thus broadening the scope of C(sp³) electrophiles available for asymmetric C–C bond formation. In contrast to the related reductive cross-couplings of benzyl chlorides, optimal results are obtained when TDAE is used as the terminal reductant in place of Mn^0 or Zn^0 , which are typical in these reactions. A preliminary result demonstrates that these conditions can be used to cross-couple α -alkoxy NHP esters and other substrates for which the corresponding benzylic chloride could be difficult to prepare or unstable. The ability to use both NHP esters and benzylic chlorides in asymmetric reductive alkenylation reactions allows users to select from either electrophile depending on factors such as commercial availability of the corresponding carboxylic acid or benzylic chloride starting material, and improves the overall scope of this transformation. The expansion of this technology to more challenging $C(sp^3)$ and $C(sp^2)$ electrophiles is the focus of ongoing work in our laboratory. We aim to prove the synthetic utility of this strategic disconnection in the total synthesis of cylindrocyclophane natural products.

4.7 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

4.7.1 Materials and methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using freshly dried solvents. Methylene chloride (DCM), diethyl ether (Et₂O), tetrahydrofuran (THF), 1,4-dioxane and toluene (PhMe) were dried by passing through activated alumina columns. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received unless specifically indicated. Aryl iodides were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Combi-Blocks, or Astatech. Manganese powder (>99.9%) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. NiBr₂(diglyme) was purchased from Strem. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using EMD/Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Silica gel and basic alumina column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. (W. C. Still, M. Kahn, A. Mitra, J. Org. Chem. 1978, 43, 2923.) using silica gel (particle size 0.032–0.063) purchased from Silicycle and aluminum oxide (activated, basic, Brockmann I, 58 Å pore size, powder) purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 125 MHz respectively) or a Bruker Avance III HD with Prodigy cyroprobe (at 400 MHz and 101 MHz respectively). ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 300 (at 300 MHz and 282 MHz, respectively). NMR data is reported relative to internal chloroform (¹H, $\delta = 7.26$, 13 C, $\delta = 77.0$) and C₆F₆ (19 F, $\delta = -164.9$). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicity and qualifier abbreviations are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Analytical

SFC was performed with a Mettler SFC supercritical CO₂ analytical chromatography system with Chiralcel AD-H, OD-H, AS-H, OB-H, and IA columns (4.6 mm x 25 cm). SFC analysis performed at 100.0 bar and 40 °C. HRMS were acquired using either an Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI), or mixed (MM) ionization mode.

4.7.2 Ligand Synthesis

4.7.2.1 Preparation of Ni(II) BOX Ligand Complex

Bis((3aR,8aS)-3a,8a-dihydro-8H-indeno[1,2-d]oxazol-2-yl)methane (258)



According to a procedure by Snyder and coworkers, the (1R,2S)-(+)-cis-1-amino-2indanol (4.70 g, 31.5 mmol, 2.1 equiv) and diethyl malonimidate dihydrochloride (3.47 g, 15 mmol, 1 equiv) were added to a flame-dried 1 L round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser and a magnetic stirring rod, and put under an inert atmosphere (N₂). Then CH₂Cl₂ (360 mL) was added and the solution was heated at 45 °C for 18 hours. The reaction was cooled, then quenched with water (690 mL). The layers were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 180 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by recrystallization from cooling hot ethanol to yield 3.30 g (67% yield) of **258** as a white solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

(3aR,3a'R,8aS,8a'S)-2,2'-(Cyclopropane-1,1-diyl)bis(3a,8a-dihydro-8H-indeno[1,2-

d]-oxazole) (L4)



According to a procedure by Sibi and coworkers, the bis(oxazoline) ligand L4 (1.65 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to a flame-dried 200 mL round bottom flask with a magnetic stir bar and put under an inert atmosphere (N_2) . The compound was dissolved in THF (25) mL) and cooled to 0 °C before drv sodium hydride (60 wt % in mineral oil, 601 mg, 15 mmol. 3 equiv) was added in portions. Note: Wet NaH resulted in saponification of the oxazoline, which could be removed by column chromatography (silica, 10%) $MeOH/CH_2Cl_2$). The solution was allowed to stir for 30 minutes before 1,2dibromoethane (517 mL, mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over the course of 10 minutes. The reaction was warmed to 50 °C and stirred for 2 hours. Note: Aliquots could be monitored by ¹H NMR to ensure complete conversion of the starting material. The reaction was guenched with agueous NH₄Cl (25 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 85 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by recrystallization from cooling hot ethanol to yield 1.46 g (82% yield) of L4 as a light tan solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

Nickel(II) bis(bromide) (3aR,3a'R,8aS,8a'S)-2,2'-(cyclopropane-1,1-diyl)bis(3a,8a-

dihydro-8*H*-indeno[1,2-*d*]oxazole) (L4•NiBr₂)



Similar to a procedure reported by Evans and coworkers, the bis(oxazoline) ligand L4 (1.07 g, 3.0 mmol, 1 equiv) and anhydrous nickel(II) bromide (655 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1 equiv) were added to a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and dissolved in a mixture of acetonitrile (CH₃CN, 65 mL) and water (0.75 mL). The solution was heated to 80 °C for 6 hours to afford a dark purple solution. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and the obtained solid was saturated in CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a plug of cotton, dispensed into four 20 mL scintillation vials, and recrystallized by vapor diffusion (CH₂Cl₂/pentane) to afford dark purple crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction. For the isolation of L4•NiBr₂, the crystals were washed with hexane, which was added by pipet and subsequently removed. The crystals were removed with a spatula, transferred to a new vial, and crushed to provide a powder. The resulting complex was dried under vacuum to yield 1.6 g (91% yield) of L4•NiBr₂ as a purple solid.

 $m.p. = >300 \ ^{\circ}C$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 96.48 (s, 2H), 46.46 (s, 2H), 20.16 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 2H), 11.67 – 10.85 (m, 6H), 10.55 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), -0.65 (s, 2H). FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3333, 2222, 1660, 1479, 1461, 1444, 1427, 1312, 1247,

1227, 1214, 1120, 1010, 911, 859, 758, 728.

EA: Anal. Calc'd. for L4•NiBr₂, C₂₃H₂₀Br₂N₂NiO₂ (%): C, 48.05; H, 3.51; N, 4.87.

Found: C, 48.38;

H, 3.54; N, 4.84



(Left) Crystallized L4•NiBr₂ following vapor diffusion. (Center) Large crystals of L4•NiBr₂. (Right) The powdered form of L4•NiBr₂ after crushing the crystals with a spatula and drying under vacuum.

4.7.2.2 X-Ray Structure Determination

Low-temperature diffraction data (ϕ - and ω -scans) were collected on a Bruker AXS KAPPA APEXII diffractometer coupled to a CCD detector with Mo- K_{α} radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) from a fine-focus sealed X-ray tube. All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection integration, and scaling were carried out using the Bruker APEXII software. Absorption corrections were applied using SADABS. The structure was solved by intrinsic phasing using SHELXT and refined against F^2 on all data by fullmatrix least squares with SHELXL-2014 using established refinement techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were included into

the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. Compound L4•NiBr₂ crystallizes in the tetragonal space group $P4_1$ with one molecule in the asymmetric unit. The structure was solved as a merohedral twin with rotation around an axis 45° between a and b. The twin law was defined as the matrix (0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -1.0). The BASF parameter [0.4980(14)] gave the twin ratio as 0.50:0.50. Absolute configuration was determined by anomalous dispersion (Flack = 0.011(2)). Crystallographic data for L4•NiBr₂ can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif under CCDC deposition number 1501744. Graphical representation of the structure with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids was generated using Mercury visualization software.



Table S4.1. Crystal data and structure refinement for L4•NiBr₂.

Identification code	JLH-3-168	
Empirical formula	$C_{23}H_{20}Br_2N_2NiO_2$	
Formula weight	574.94	
Temperature	100 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Tetragonal	
Space group	P4 ₁	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.4823(6) Å	a= 90°.
	b = 9.4823(6) Å	b= 90°.
	c = 24.418(2) Å	g = 90°.
Volume	2195.5(3) Å ³	

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Density (calculated) Absorption coefficient F(000) Crystal size Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta = 25.242° Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F^2 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Absolute structure parameter Extinction coefficient Largest diff. peak and hole

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1.739 Mg/m³ 4.546 mm⁻¹ 1144 0.31 x 0.27 x 0.14 mm³ 0.834 to 38.918°. -16<=h<=16, -16<=k<=16, -42<=l<=43 113308 12464 [R(int) = 0.0431]100.0 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.7476 and 0.5466 Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 12464 / 1 / 272 1.056 R1 = 0.0470, wR2 = 0.1114R1 = 0.0580, wR2 = 0.11680.011(2)n/a 2.381 and -1.019 e.Å⁻³

4.7.3 Substrate Preparation

4.7.3.1 NHP Ester Synthesis



General Procedure 1: To a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added the carboxylic acid (1.0 equiv), N-hydroxyphthalimide (1.0 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 0.10 equiv). The reagents were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (0.2 M) and the N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-ethylcarbodiimide (EDC, 1.1 equiv) was added. The reaction continued to stir overnight at room temperature. The crude reaction was concentrated to afford a thick oil, which was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc/hexane or CH_2Cl_2) to afford the desired product.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (259)



Prepared from 2-phenylpropanoic acid (5.0 g, 33.3 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica with CH_2Cl_2 as the

eluent to yield 8.7 g (88% yield) of 259 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.28$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 62–64 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.9, 161.9, 138.5, 134.9, 129.02, 128.98, 127.9, 127.7, 124.0, 43.1, 19.1.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1810, 1785, 1743, 1466, 1453, 1358, 1186, 1123, 1043, 1028, 877, 695.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 296.0923; found: 296.0903.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (260)



Prepared from 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid (500 mg, 2.77 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of

silica with 30% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 671 mg (74% yield) of **260** as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.22$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 91−92 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 162.0, 159.2, 134.9, 130.5, 129.0, 128.8, 124.0, 114.4, 55.4, 42.2, 19.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1810, 1784, 1743, 1611, 1513, 1467, 1371, 1249, 1185, 1123, 1045, 1033, 878, 832, 696.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 326.1028; found: 326.1022.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoate (261)



Prepared from 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoic acid (200 mg, 0.92 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a

plug of silica with 30% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 290 mg (87% yield) of **261** as a yellow solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.28$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV). m.p. = 76–77 °C ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.87 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 161.9, 142.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1$ Hz), 135.0, 130.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33$ Hz), 128.9, 128.2, 126.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 4$ Hz). 124.14, 124.11 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272$ Hz), 43.0, 19.1.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -65.8.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1813, 1788, 1746, 1620, 1468, 1421, 1359, 1326, 1186, 1168, 1125, 1079, 1067, 1048, 1017, 878, 842, 697.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 364.0797; found: 364.0815.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-bromophenyl)propanoate (262)



Prepared from 2-(4-bromophenyl)propanoic acid (1.0 g, 4.65 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica

with 20% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 511 mg (48% yield) of **262** as a light yellow solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.69$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 77–78 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.5, 161.9, 137.4, 134.9, 132.2, 129.4, 129.0, 124.1, 122.0, 42.6, 19.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1811, 1786, 1742, 1489, 1467, 1369, 1186, 1133, 1078, 1046, 1010, 877, 696.

LRMS (API-ES, m/z): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₂BrNO₄ [M+H₂O]⁺: 391.0; found: 391.0.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoate (263)



Prepared from 2-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid (500 mg, 2.92 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica

with 20% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 590 mg (63% yield) of 263 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.35$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 108–110 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.78, 162.42 (d, J_{C-F} = 246.4 Hz), 161.9, 134.9, 134.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 129.37 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.3 Hz), 129.9, 124.1, 115.95 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz), 42.3, 19.2.

¹⁹**F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ -117.64 (tt, J_{F-H} = 8.4, 5.2 Hz).

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1811, 1785, 1739, 1605, 1509, 1467, 1360, 1225, 1186, 1120, 1045, 1016, 959, 877, 837, 783, 696.

HRMS (FAB, *m/z***)**: calc'd for C₁₇H₁₂FNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 314.0823; found: 314.0859.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)propanoate (264)

residue was purified column chromatography (silica, 20 to 50% EtOAc/hexane) to yield 640 mg (94% yield) of **264** as a yellow solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.54$ (silica gel, 50% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 106–108 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4, 162.1, 150.2, 134.8, 129.1, 128.3, 126.0, 124.0, 112.8, 42.1, 40.6, 19.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1809, 1784, 1743, 1615, 1523, 1467, 1356, 1186, 1134, 1081, 1044, 878, 819, 697.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+·]⁺: 338.1267; found: 338.1272.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)propanoate (265)



Prepared from 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)propanoic acid (231 mg, 1.05 mmol) according to General Procedure 1, with the exception of no DMAP. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography (silica, 0 to 15% EtOAc/hexane) to yield 241 mg (63% yield) of **265** as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 103–105 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.87 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 161.9, 138.4, 135.0, 133.1, 132.2, 131.0, 129.9, 128.9, 127.1, 124.2, 42.3, 19.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2341, 2359, 1785, 1743, 1426, 1186, 1135, 1049, 962, 878, 696.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₁Cl₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 364.0143; found: 364.0131.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylbutanoate (266)



Prepared from 2-phenylbutanoic acid (5.0 g, 30.5 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 20% EtOAc/hexane) to yield 8.1 g (86% yield) of **266** as a white

solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.31$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV). m.p. = 61–64 °C ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.4, 162.0, 136.9, 134.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 124.0, 50.5, 27.3, 12.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1811, 1786, 1744, 1467, 1455, 1360, 1186, 1128, 1080, 1058, 969, 877, 656.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 310.1079; found: 310.1061.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2,3-diphenylpropanoate (267)



Prepared from 2,3-diphenylpropanoic acid (353 mg, 1.56 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 20% EtOAc/hexane) to yield 542 mg (94% yield) of **267** as a white

solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.28$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 116–119 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 13.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 161.8, 137.7, 136.4, 134.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 126.9, 124.0, 50.9, 39.9.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3030, 1810, 1784, 1744, 1496, 1467, 1454, 1359, 1186, 1134, 1080, 1068, 972, 877, 736, 695.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₃H₁₇NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 372.1236; found: 372.1236.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 3-methyl-2-phenylbutanoate (268)



Prepared from 3-methyl-2-phenylbutanoic acid (300 mg, 1.68 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica with 20%

EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 509 mg (93% yield) of 268 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.34$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 77–81 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.84 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 3.58 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.2, 162.0, 136.1, 134.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 124.0, 56.7, 32.6, 21.3, 20.3.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2966, 1811, 1786, 1745, 1468, 1455, 1375, 1311, 1186, 1132, 1080, 1060, 974, 889, 877, 786, 745, 696.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 324.1236; found: 324.1227.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylpropanoate (269)



imidazole (682 mg, 10 mmol, 2 equiv). The reagents were dissolved in 15 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with aq. NH_4Cl , extracted with Et_2O , dried with $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude 3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylpropanoic acid. This crude material was used in the esterification step without purification, which was performed according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography and dried under high vacuum (silica, 0 to 20% EtOAc/hexane) to yield 664 mg (31% yield) of **269** as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.38$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.28 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.0, 161.8, 134.8, 134.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 124.0, 65.3, 52.2, 25.9, 18.4, -5.4, -5.6.
FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2929, 2856, 1814, 1788, 1747, 1468, 1361, 1256, 1186, 1113, 1049, 1023, 877, 836, 780, 696.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₃H₂₇NO₅Si [M+H]⁺: 426.1737; found: 426.1708.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpent-4-enoate (270)

Prepared from 2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (240 mg, 1.36 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 0 to 20%)

EtOAc/hexane) to yield 295 mg (67% yield) of 270 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.31$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = $68-69 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.81 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dtt, J = 14.3, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 161.9, 136.4, 134.9, 134.0, 129.02, 128.99, 128.2, 128.1, 124.0, 118.3, 48.8, 37.9.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1811, 1785, 1743, 1467, 1359, 1186, 1133, 1080, 1068, 971, 877, 695.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₁₅NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 322.1079; found: 322.1063.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 5-chloro-2-phenylpentanoate (271)



Prepared from 5-chloro-2-phenylpentanoic acid (1.01 g, 4.75 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica with 20% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 977 mg (58% yield) of

271 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.25$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 96–99 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.85 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 3.97 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.34 (dddd, J =

13.2, 10.4, 8.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dddd, *J* = 13.5, 10.3, 7.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.78 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 161.9, 136.4, 134.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 124.1, 48.2, 44.4, 31.2, 30.1.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2960, 1811, 1786, 1744, 1494, 1455, 1468, 1361, 1186, 1134, 1081, 1045, 965, 878, 697.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₄Cl [M+H]⁺: 358.0846; found: 358.0872.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-methoxy-2-phenylacetate (207)

Prepared from 2-methoxy-2-phenylacetic acid (830 mg, 5.0 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 10 to 30%)

EtOAc/hexane) to yield 1.16 g (74% yield) of **207** as a colorless oil. *Note: This compound will slowly decompose (solidifies/hydrolyzes) under ambient conditions over extended periods (~1 month).*

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.22$ (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.56 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.4, 161.6, 134.9, 134.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 124.1, 81.0, 58.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1818, 1789, 1745, 1468, 1359, 1186, 1079, 988, 969, 877, 696.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 312.0872; found: 312.0846.

1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-cyclopropyl-2-phenylacetate (218)



Prepared from 2-cyclopropyl-2-phenylacetic acid (50 mg, 0.28 mmol) according to General Procedure 1. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica with 20% EtOAc/hexane as the eluent to yield 80 mg (89% yield) of **218**

as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.39$ (silica gel, 50% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 92–93 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.87 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dtt, J = 9.7, 8.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (dddd, J = 9.0, 8.1, 4.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 0.69 (dddd, J = 8.9, 8.0, 5.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.63 – 0.55 (m, 1H), 0.42 – 0.34 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 162.0, 136.8, 134.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 124.1, 53.4, 14.6, 4.91, 4.90.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 1811, 1742, 1362, 1170, 1135, 1063, 974, 876. **HRMS (FAB,** *m/z***):** calc'd for C₁₉H₁₅NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 322.1079; found: 322.1065.

4.7.3.2 Alkenyl Bromide Synthesis

General Procedure 2: Alkenyl Bromides from Aldehydes



General Procedure 2, Part A: According to a procedure by Alexakis and coworkers, a flame dried round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was put under an inert atmosphere (N₂) and charged with the tetrabromomethane (20 mmol, 2 equiv) and triphenylphosphine (40 mmol, 4 equiv). The flask was cooled to 0 °C and then CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) was added, followed by the triethylamine (10 mmol, 1 equiv). The aldehyde (10 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and continued to stir for 90 minutes. The reaction was removed from the stir plate and slowly added to a vigorously stirring solution of Et₂O (150 mL) and hexane (150 mL), filtered through a plug of silica gel, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired dibromoalkene.

4-(2,2-dibromovinyl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (272)



Prepared from 4-formylphenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (5.14 g, 18.6 mmol) following General Procedure 2A. The crude residue was purified by filtering through a plug of silica to yield 6.2 g

(77% yield) of **272** as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.38$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane).

m.p. = 108 - 110 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.73 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.3, 145.7, 135.6, 134.2, 132.3, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 122.5, 90.8, 21.9.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3081, 3065, 1929, 1910, 1596, 1500, 1495, 1406, 1379, 1360, 1271, 1178, 1160, 1094, 1018, 877, 832, 914, 781, 732, 706, 698, 658.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for $C_{15}H_{12}Br_2O_3S$ [M+H]⁺: 432.8932; found: 432.8915.

5-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2-methoxypyridine (273)

MeO N^{Br} Prepared from 6-methoxynicotinaldehyde (1.36 g, 10 mmol) following General Procedure 2A. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 1% Et₂O/hexane to 10%

Et₂O/hexane) to yield 570 mg (20% yield) of **273** as a yellow oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.48$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane).

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.25 (dt, J = 2.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (q, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dt, J = 8.7, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.8, 147.6, 137.8, 133.5, 124.9, 110.7, 89.3, 53.8.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2982, 2946, 1603 1595, 1561, 1491, 1381, 1309, 1289, 1254, 1132, 1024, 1014, 867, 819, 751.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₈H₇NOBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 291.8973; found: 291.8967.

General Procedure 2, Part B: The dibromoalkene (1.7 mmol, 1 equiv) and diethyl phosphite (5.1 mmol, 3 equiv) were added to a vial with a magnetic stirring rod and put under an inert atmosphere (N₂). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and the triethylamine (5.1 mmol, 3 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, ether/hexanes) to afford the vinyl bromide.

(E)-4-(2-bromovinyl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (274)



Prepared from **272** (4.32 g, 10 mmol) following General Procedure 2B. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 5% EtOAc/hexane to 20%

EtOAc/hexane) to yield 2.75 g (78% yield, 90:10 E:Z) of 274 as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.34$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane).

Br

m.p. = 90–93 °C

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.3, 145.6, 135.9, 134.9, 132.3, 129.9, 128.6, 127.3, 122.9, 107.7, 21.9.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for $C_{15}H_{13}BrO_3S [M+\cdot]^+$: 353.9748; found: 353.9733.

(*E*)-5-(2-bromovinyl)-2-methoxypyridine (275)



.Br Prepared from 273 (500 mg, 1.7 mmol) following General Procedure 2B. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, 2% Et₂O/hexane to 5% Et₂O/hexane) to

yield 314 mg (86% yield, 96:4 E:Z) of **275** as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.46$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane).

m.p. = 53–56 °C

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 2.5, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dq, *J* = 14.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.0, 145.3, 135.3, 133.5, 125.5, 111.4, 105.5, 53.7. FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3061, 2943, 1613, 1598, 1562, 1490, 1385, 1303, 1285, 1258, 1238, 1026, 1015, 947, 837, 790.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₈H₈NOBr [M+H]⁺: 213.9868; found: 213.9858.

4.7.4 Enantioselective Reductive Cross-Coupling

4.7.4.1 General Procedures for Enantioselective Cross-Coupling of N-Hydroxyphthalimide Esters with Alkenyl Bromides



General Procedure 3: Cross-Coupling on 0.2 mmol scale

On a bench-top, a 1 dram vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with the vinyl bromide (if air stable, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), NHP ester (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), L4•NiBr₂ (11.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.10 equiv), and sodium iodide (15.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The vial was then brought into the glovebox and charged with the vinyl bromide (if air sensitive, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and DMA (0.2 mL, 1.0 M). The vial was then cooled to -7°C and the reagents were stirred at 250 rpm until dissolved. Note: The recirculating Julabo LH45 chiller was set to -10 °C however an external thermometer in the glovebox read the temperature as -7 °C. The tetrakis(dimethyl-amino)ethylene (TDAE, 0.3 mmol, 70 µl, 1.5 equiv) was added and stirred for 10 minutes before the trimethylsilyl bromide (TMSBr, 0.2 mmol, 26 μ L, 1 equiv) was added. The vial was sealed with a screw cap and stirred under nitrogen at -7 °C for 16 hours (overnight) in temperature controlled well plates in the glovebox. Note: Monitoring the reaction kinetics for product 28 revealed that the reaction went to >90% conversion after 1 hour, however we choose to run these reactions overnight to ensure full conversion. As the reaction proceeds, the TDAE salts begin to precipitate, forming an orange slurry. The crude reaction was quenched with 0.5 mL of 1 M HCl, diluted with water (5 mL), and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL). Note: In order to efficiently remove all of the viscous reaction contents from the vial, we

found it useful to fill the vial ³/₄ full with an extraction solvent (2.5 mL each time: first HCl/water, then Et₂O, water, Et₂O 3x), screw on a Teflon cap, and shake the vial vigorously with the stir bar still inside. The contents could then be easily poured into a separatory funnel. The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography.



Reaction Setup: (Left) The computer console sets the chiller to -10.0 °C, while actual temperature reading is -7.1 °C; stir plate set at 250 rpm and reads 255.7 rpm. (Center) Reactions conducted on 0.2 mmol scale and stirred in the temperature controlled glovebox stir plates. (**Right**) Conducting the reaction on the benchtop on a 5 mmol scale under a balloon of nitrogen; a cryocool is used to cool the reaction to -5 °C.

General Procedure 4: Cross-Coupling on 5.0 mmol scale

On a bench-top to a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added vinyl bromide 27 (1.065 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv), NHP ester 31 (1.476 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv), L4•NiBr₂ (0.29 g, 0.5 mmol, 0.10 equiv), and sodium iodide (0.37 g, 2.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum, purged with nitrogen, and the reagents

were dissolved in DMA (5.0 mL, 1.0 M). The flask was cooled to -5 °C by submerging it in an isopropanol bath cooled with a Thermo Scientific EK90 Immersion Cooler. *Note: We found that TDAE will begin to freeze at temperatures lower than* -8 °C with this *setup.* The tetrakis(dimethylamino)ethylene (TDAE, 1.74 mL, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and stirred for 10 minutes before the trimethylsilyl bromide (TMSBr, 0.66 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. The flask was stirred under a balloon of nitrogen at -5 °C for 16 hours. As the reaction proceeds, the TDAE salts begin to precipitate, forming an orange slurry. The crude reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl (30 mL), and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10 to 20% toluene/hexane) to yield **28** (918 mg, 77% yield) in 91% ee as a colorless oil.

4.7.4.2 Characterization of Reaction Products

(S,E)-1-methoxy-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (28)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography (silica gel, 10 to 20% toluene/hexane) to yield **28** (39 mg, 80% yield) in 96% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature. $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.59$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 7.1 min, t_R (minor) = 8.4 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -34^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 146.0, 133.3, 130.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.42, 127.36, 126.3, 114.0, 55.4, 42.7, 21.5.

(S,E)-1-methyl-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzene (180)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methylbenzene (39 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (10% AgNO₃ silica gel, 0 to 2% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **180** (39 mg, 88% yield) in 95% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.26$ (silica gel, hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 7% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 8.0 min, t_R (major) = 10.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -41^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 – 6.34 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.9, 136.9, 134.9, 134.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.3, 126.2, 42.7, 21.5, 21.3.

(*S*,*E*)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)aniline (181)



Prepared from (*E*)-4-(2-bromovinyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (45 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography (silica gel, 5% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **181** (38 mg, 76% yield) in 97% ee as a white solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.21$ (silica gel, 5% Et₂O/hexane, UV).

m.p. = $65-67 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 35% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 6.0 min, t_R (minor) = 9.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -56^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 15.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 6H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 146.4, 131.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 127.1, 126.4, 126.1, 112.7, 42.7, 40.8, 21.6.

(*S*,*E*)-1-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (182)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (50 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue

was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to yield **182** (48 mg, 87% yield) in 93% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.32$ (silica gel, hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 3% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 6.3 min, t_R (major) = 7.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -27^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 145.2, 141.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1$ Hz), 138.1, 129.0 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32$ Hz), 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 4$ Hz), 124.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272$ Hz), 42.8, 21.2.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –65.6.

(S,E)-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (183)



Prepared from methyl (E)-4-(2-bromovinyl)benzonitrile (42 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, 0 to 3% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **183** (42 mg, 91% yield) in 94% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.42$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 9.5 min, t_R (major) = 10.1 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -51^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.52 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.7, 142.1, 139.5, 132.4, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 119.2, 110.2, 42.8, 21.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3027, 2967, 2872, 2225, 1646, 1604, 1504, 1493, 1452, 1412, 1176, 1013, 970, 866, 819, 763, 701.

HRMS (FAB, *m/z***)**: calc'd for C₁₇H₁₅N [M+H]⁺: 234.1283; found: 234.1265.

Methyl (S,E)-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (184)

Me Prepared from methyl (*E*)-4-(2-bromovinyl)benzoate (48 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to

General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% Et₂O/hexane) to yield **184** (46 mg, 87% yield) in 95% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.19$ (silica gel, 5% Et₂O/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 8.2 min, t_R (major) = 11.6 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -44^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.53 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 145.2, 142.2, 138.2, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.5, 126.1, 52.2, 42.8, 21.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3025, 2963, 1718, 1605, 1492, 1433, 1411, 1276, 1177, 1108, 1015, 968, 759, 698.

LRMS (GC-MS, m/z): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₈O₂ [M]⁺: 266.1; found: 266.1.

(S,E)-4-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (185)



Prepared from (*E*)-4-(2-bromovinyl)phenyl 4methylbenzenesulfonate (71 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (89 mg, 0.3

mmol) according to General Procedure 3 with the exception that 1.5 equiv NHP ester was used instead of 1.0 equiv. *Note: The addition of excess NHP ester ensured full consumption of the vinyl bromide, which we found to be inseparable from the product when it remained in the crude reaction.* The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane to 5% Et₂O/hexane) to yield **185** (61 mg, 80% yield) in 94% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.39$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 12.2 min,

 $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 13.7 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -24^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.39 – 6.30 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.5, 145.4, 145.3, 136.7, 136.5, 132.4, 129.8, 128.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 122.5, 42.7, 21.8, 21.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3061, 3028, 2966, 2928, 2872, 1647, 1599, 1504, 1453, 1372, 1307, 1296, 1198, 1176, 1152, 1093, 1016, 969, 867, 841, 815, 763, 735, 700, 661. **HRMS (FAB,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for C₂₃H₂₂O₃S [M+·]⁺: 378.1290; found: 378.1283.

(S,E)-but-1-ene-1,3-diyldibenzene (186)



Prepared from (*E*)-(2-bromovinyl)benzene (37 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to yield **186** (37 mg, 88% yield) in 96% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.48$ (silica gel, hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 9.8 min, t_R (major) = 10.9 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -35^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.51 – 6.38 (m, 2H), 3.73 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.7, 137.7, 135.3, 128.6 (3C), 127.4, 127.2, 126.35, 126.27, 42.7, 21.4.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3080, 3058, 3024, 2964, 2928, 2871, 1599, 1492, 1448, 1371, 1010, 964, 742, 692.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₆H₁₆ [M–H₂+H]⁺: 207.1174; found: 207.1155.

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-5-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)pyridine (187)



Prepared from (*E*)-5-(2-bromovinyl)-2-methoxypyridine (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, 5% Et₂O/hexane) to yield **187** (32 mg, 67% yield) in 95% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.53$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 280$ nm): t_R (major) = 5.0 min, t_R (minor) = 6.9 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -33^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.06 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.4, 145.6, 145.3, 135.5, 134.7, 128.7, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 124.7, 110.9, 53.6, 42.8, 21.3.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2965, 1601, 1493, 1384, 1286, 1026, 962, 822, 762, 699. **HRMS (FAB,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for $C_{16}H_{17}NO [M+H]^+$: 240.1388; found: 240.1398.

(S,E)-5-phenylhex-3-en-1-yl benzoate (188)



Prepared from (*E*)-4-bromobut-3-en-1-yl benzoate (51 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The

crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **188** (49 mg, 88% yield) in 97% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.24$ (silica gel, 5% Et₂O/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 5.2 min, t_R (minor) = 6.1 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +5^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_{3}).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.77 (ddt, *J* = 15.4, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dtd, *J* = 15.2, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 146.0, 138.3, 133.0, 130.5, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.2, 124.3, 64.4, 42.4, 32.2, 21.4.

(S,E)-(7-chlorohept-3-en-2-yl)benzene (189)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-bromo-5-chloropent-1-ene (37 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude

residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to yield **189** (29 mg, 69% yield) in 91% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.29$ (silica gel, hexane, UV/CAM).

Chiral SFC: (OD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 1% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): t_R (minor) = 5.4 min, t_R (major) = 6.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +9^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.69 (ddt, J = 15.3, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dtd, J = 15.1, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.23 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.3, 136.7, 128.5, 127.24, 127.17, 126.1, 44.6, 42.4, 32.4, 29.7, 21.6.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3025, 2962, 2929, 2871, 1601, 1492, 1450, 1371, 1297, 1017, 969, 759, 698.

HRMS (FAB, *m***/***z***)**: calc'd for C₁₃H₁₇Cl [M–H₂+H]⁺: 207.0940; found: 207.0910.

(S,E)-dec-3-en-2-ylbenzene (190)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-bromooct-1-ene (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to

General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to yield **190** (31 mg, 72% yield) in 94% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.59$ (silica gel, hexane, UV/CAM).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 1% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): t_R (minor) = 3.9 min, t_R (major) = 4.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +4^{\circ} (c = 0.9, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.60 (ddt, J = 15.3, 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dtd, J = 15.1, 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.22 (m, 11H), 0.95 – 0.83 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.7, 135.0, 129.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.0, 42.4, 32.7, 31.9, 29.6, 29.0, 22.8, 21.7, 14.3.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3025, 2959, 2925, 2854, 1492, 1451, 1371, 1016, 965, 758, 697.

LRMS (GC-MS, m/z): calc'd for C₁₆H₂₄ [M]⁺: 216.2; found: 216.2.

(S,E)-trimethyl((5-phenylhex-3-en-1-yl)oxy)silane (191)



Prepared from (*E*)-4-bromobut-3-en-1-ol (30 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3 with the

exception that 2.0 equiv TMSBr was used instead of 1.0 equiv. The reaction was quenched with water instead of 1 M HCl to prevent decomposition of the primary silyl ether. *Note: An acidic workup yielded a mixture of the silyl ether and alcohol product, however the alcohol was inseparable from the phthalimide byproduct.* The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (florisil, hexane to 1% Et₂O/hexane) to yield **191** (33 mg, 66% yield) as a colorless oil. *Note: The two enantiomers of the racemic silyl ether were inseparable by chiral SFC.*

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.67$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV/CAM).

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 5.69 (ddt, J = 15.4, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dtd, J = 15.3, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.28 (qt, J = 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.13 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.3, 137.3, 128.5, 127.3, 126.1, 125.4, 62.7, 42.5, 36.2, 21.5, -0.3.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2961, 2930, 2902, 2863, 1602, 1493, 1452, 1382, 1251, 1094, 968, 940, 876, 841, 758, 748, 699.

HRMS (FAB, *m***/***z***)**: calc'd for C₁₅H₂₄OSi [M+H]⁺: 249.1675; found: 249.1684.

(*S*,*E*)-5-phenylhex-3-en-1-ol (276)



Deprotection of Silyl Ether: Silyl ether **191** (33.0 mg, 0.132 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a solution of acetic acid (0.5 mL), water (0.5 mL), and THF (2.5 mL) in a 20 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar and stirred at room temperature for 15 min. The reaction was slowly quenched with a solution of saturated NaHCO₃ until the pH was slightly basic (approx. 15 mL), extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield **276** (22.6 mg, 97% yield) in 89% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.11$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV/CAM).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 3% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): t_R (minor) = 6.9 min, t_R (major) = 7.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +9^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.76 (ddt, J = 15.4, 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dtd, J = 15.3, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.52 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.30 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.1, 138.8, 128.6, 127.2, 126.2, 124.8, 62.2, 42.5, 36.0, 21.6.

(S,E)-6-methyl-2-(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)-1,3,6,2-dioxazaborocane-4,8-dione (192)



Prepared from trans-1-bromovinylboronic acid MIDA ester (52 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-vl 2phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane to 100% EtOAc) to yield 192 (25 mg, 43% yield) in 97% ee as a vellow solid. Note: The ¹H NMR contains two minor impurities that were identified as DMA and methyliminodiacetic acid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.35$ (silica gel, EtOAc, UV/KMnO₄).

m.p. = 144–146 °C

TMS

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 30% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 5.5 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 10.2 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +0.5^{\circ} \pm 1.1^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). Note: This compound shows low optical rotation.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.32 (dd, J = 17.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 17.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (dd, J = 16.8, 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.54 - 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.34, 168.27, 151.7, 145.3, 128.6, 127.4, 126.3, 61.53, 61.49, 47.0, 44.8, 20.8.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2963, 1762, 1636, 1492, 1338, 1290, 1246, 1193, 1154, 1126, 1090, 1025, 1007, 956, 867, 761, 702.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈BNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 288.1407; found: 288.1414.

(S,E)-trimethyl(3-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)silane (193)

Me Prepared from (E)-(2-bromovinyl)trimethylsilane (36 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpropanoate (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. Alkenyl bromide 206 is reported to be air sensitive, and was added to the reaction while inside the glovebox. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane)

to yield 193 (28 mg, 68% yield) in 97% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.65$ (silica gel, hexane, UV/CAM).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): t_R (major) = 1.8 min, t_R (minor) = 2.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -2.4^{\circ} \pm 0.2^{\circ} (c = 0.9, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.19 (dd, J = 18.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 18.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.06 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.8, 145.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 126.2, 45.6, 20.9, -1.0.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3028, 2958, 1612, 1602, 1492, 1452, 1248, 1009, 987, 868, 837, 759, 698.

LRMS (GC-MS, m/z): calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀Si [M]⁺: 204.1; found: 204.1.

(S,E)-4,4'-(but-1-ene-1,3-diyl)bis(methoxybenzene) (194)



propanoate (65 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10% toluene/hexane then 10% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **194** (42 mg, 78% yield) in 93% ee as a white solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.45$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 51–59 °C

Chiral SFC: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 235$ nm): t_R (major) = 7.0 min, t_R (minor) = 8.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -34^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 158.0, 138.1, 133.6, 130.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 114.0, 113.9, 55.4 (2C), 41.8, 21.6.

(S,E)-1-methoxy-4-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)benzene (195)



	Prepared from		(E)-1- $(2$ -bromovinyl)-4-				
	methoxybenzene	(43	mg,	0.2	mmol)	and	1,3-
F3	dioxoisoindolin-2	2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)-					
	phenyl)propanoat	e (73	mg,	0.2 n	nmol) ac	cordin	ng to

General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% toluene/hexane) to yield **195** (40 mg, 65% yield) in 88% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.48$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 67–70 °C

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 6.5 min, t_R (minor) = 7.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -39^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 150.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.4$ Hz), 132.0, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.3$ Hz), 127.8, 127.4, 125.5 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.5 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.9$ Hz), 114.1, 55.4, 42.6, 21.3.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –65.4.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2965, 1608, 1512, 1252, 1174, 1164, 1122, 1069, 1036, 1016, 967, 840, 818.

HRMS (EI, m/z): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₇F₃O [M+·]⁺: 306.1232; found: 306.1241.

(S,E)-1-bromo-4-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)benzene (196)

Me Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-propanoate (75 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5 to 10% toluene/hexane) to yield **196** (51 mg, 80% yield) in 90% ee as a white solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature. $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.59$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV). **m.p.** = 74–76 °C

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 35% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 5.3 min, t_R (minor) = 8.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -32^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 145.0, 132.5, 131.6, 130.2, 129.2, 128.4, 127.4, 120.0, 114.0, 55.4, 42.1, 21.3.

(*S*,*E*)-1-fluoro-4-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)benzene (197)



Prepared from (E)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-(4fluorophenyl)-propanoate (63 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified

by column chromatography (silica gel, 5 to 30% toluene/hexane) to yield **197** (44 mg, 85% yield) in 92% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature. $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.70$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 280$ nm): t_R (major) = 5.9 min, t_R (minor) = 8.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -29^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.40 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 161.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 243.7$ Hz), 159.0, 141.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz), 133.0, 130.3, 128.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.8$ Hz), 128.1, 127.4, 115.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.2$ Hz), 114.1, 55.4, 41.9, 21.6.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -123.56 (tt, J_{F-H} = 8.9, 5.4 Hz).

(S,E)-4-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (198)



	Prepared from			(E)-1- $(2$ -bromovinyl)-4-					
	methoxybenzer	e (43	mg,	0.2	mmol)	and	1,3-		
	dioxoisoindolin	-2-yl			2-(4-	-(dim	ethyl-		
2	amino)phenyl)p	ropanc	oate	(68	mg, 0	.2 n	nmol)		

according to General Procedure 3. The reaction was quenched with water instead of 1 M HCl. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane to 10% Et₂O/hexane) to yield **198** (37 mg, 66% yield) in 94% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.28$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 72–75 °C

Chiral SFC: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 280$ nm): t_R (major) = 8.2 min, t_R (minor) = 10.6 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -29^\circ (c = 1.1, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 149.3, 134.1, 130.7, 128.0, 127.3, 114.0, 113.1, 55.4, 41.6, 41.0, 21.5.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2958, 1608, 1518, 1509, 1456, 1341, 1249, 1173, 1034, 966, 948, 815.

HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₃NO [M+·]⁺: 281.1780; found: 281.1774.

(S,E)-1,2-dichloro-4-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)benzene (199)



General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane to 5% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **199** (48 mg, 77% yield) in 82% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.51$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 25% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 280$ nm): t_R (major) = 6.5 min, t_R (minor) = 9.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -26^\circ (c = 1.1, CHCl_3).$

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.35 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.2, 146.3, 132.4, 131.7, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 127.4, 127.0, 114.1, 55.4, 41.9, 21.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2964, 1607, 1511, 1466, 1299, 1250, 1174, 1106, 1030, 967, 815. HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₆Cl₂O [M+·]⁺: 306.0578; found: 306.0582.

(S,E)-1-methoxy-4-(3-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (200)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylbutanoate (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10 to

20% toluene/hexane) to yield **200** (40 mg, 80% yield) in 97% ee as a colorless oil. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.59$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 8.0 min, t_R (major) = 9.9 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -46^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.37 – 7.19 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.35 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 144.9, 132.2, 130.6, 128.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 114.0, 55.4, 51.1, 29.0, 12.5.

(*S*,*E*)-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-ene-1,2-diyl)dibenzene (201)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2,3-diphenylpropanoate (74 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10%

toluene/hexane then 10% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **201** (49 mg, 78% yield) in 95% ee as a white solid. Spectral data matched those reported in literature.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.48$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 72–73 °C

Chiral SFC: (AS-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 6.0 min, t_R (major) = 6.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +19^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.34 – 7.13 (m, 10H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 3.06 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 144.1, 140.2, 131.3, 130.4, 129.53, 129.49, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4, 126.0, 114.0, 55.4, 51.0, 42.9.

(*S*,*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(4-methyl-3-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (202)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 3-methyl-2-phenylbutanoate (65 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, 10 to 20% toluene/hexane) to yield **202** (25 mg, 47% yield) in 97% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.58$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

m.p. = 67–68 °C

Chiral SFC: (AS-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 4.8 min, t_R (major) = 6.1 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -39^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 144.7, 131.2, 130.6, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 126.1, 114.0, 57.8, 55.4, 33.4, 21.3, 21.1.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2953, 1600, 1509, 1450, 1251, 1027, 966, 838, 701.

LRMS (GC-MS, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₂O [M]⁺: 266.2; found: 266.1.

(S,E)-tert-butyl((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (203)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylpropanoate (74 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified

by column chromatography (silica gel, 10% toluene/hexane then 10% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **203** (43 mg, 58% yield) in 98% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.55$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (major) = 3.4 min, t_R (minor) = 5.8 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -14^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 142.3, 130.7, 130.5, 128.8, 128.45, 128.42, 127.4, 126.6, 114.0, 67.5, 55.4, 51.8, 26.0, 18.4, -5.2, -5.3.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2953, 2928, 2892, 2855, 1607, 1511, 1463, 1250, 1174, 1106, 1036, 836, 775, 699.

HRMS (FAB, *m***/***z***)**: calc'd for C₂₃H₃₂O₂Si [M–H₂+H]⁺: 367.2093; found: 367.2081.

(*S*,*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(3-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-1-yl)benzene (204)



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-phenylpent-4-enoate (53 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5 to

20% toluene/hexane) to yield 204 (42 mg, 79% yield) in 96% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.55$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 7.8 min, t_R (major) = 8.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -19^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 7H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (ddt, J = 17.0, 2.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (ddt, J = 10.2, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.51 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 144.2, 136.8, 131.5, 130.4, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.4, 126.4, 116.4, 114.0, 55.4, 49.1, 40.4.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3025, 2913, 2834, 1606, 1509, 1246, 1173, 1032, 963, 911, 756, 698.

HRMS (EI, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀O [M+·]⁺: 264.1514; found: 264.1521.

(S,E)-1-(6-chloro-3-phenylhex-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (205)



CI Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (43 mg,
0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 5-chloro-2-phenylpentanoate (72 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, 5% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **205** (52 mg, 87% yield) in 93% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.53$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

Chiral SFC: (AS-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 254$ nm): t_R (minor) = 3.7 min, t_R

(major) = 4.7 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -21^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.46 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.69 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 144.2, 131.5, 130.2, 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 114.0, 55.4, 48.7, 45.2, 33.2, 30.8.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2915, 1605, 1491, 1438, 1509, 1246, 1173, 1031, 964. HRMS (FAB, m/z): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₁ClO [M+·]⁺: 300.1281; found: 300.1274.

(S,E)-(3-methoxy-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)trimethylsilane (208)



Prepared from (*E*)-(2-bromovinyl)trimethylsilane (36 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-methoxy-2-phenylacetate (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography (silica gel, 0 to 3% Et_2O /hexane) to yield **208** (26 mg, 59% yield) in 91% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.62$ (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV/CAM).

Chiral SFC: (OD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 1% IPA in CO₂, $\lambda = 210$ nm): t_R (minor) = 2.6 min, t_R (major) = 5.9 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +8^{\circ} (c = 0.6, CHCl_3).$

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.10 (dd, J = 18.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dd, J = 18.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.7, 140.9, 131.9, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 86.6, 56.6, -1.2.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 2955, 2820, 1453, 1248, 1100, 990, 863, 838, 760, 699.

HRMS (FAB, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀OSi [M–H₂+H]⁺: 219.1205; found: 219.1191.

4.7.5 Radical Clock Investigation



Prepared from (*E*)-1-(2-bromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (27, 43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1,3dioxoisoindolin-2-yl 2-cyclopropyl-2-phenylacetate (218, 64 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane to 30% toluene/hexane) to yield a mixture of 219a–c (22 mg, 42% yield) as a colorless oil. The reaction was repeated with 5 mol % and 20 mol % of L4-NiBr₂, yielding a mixture of 219a–c in 44% and 49% yield, respectively. Three products are confirmed by GC-MS (extract ion m/z = 264). Distinct ¹H/¹³C signals and coupling correlations are confirmed by ¹H, ¹³C, COSY, HSQC, and HMBC NMR spectroscopy.

NMR data for 219a-c with 20 mol % L4•NiBr₂:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 6.86 (dq, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.49 – 6.36 (m, 1.8H), 6.34 – 6.08 (m, 1.82H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.20 (qt, J = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 0.1H, *11c*), 2.76 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 0.2H, *11a*), 2.49 – 2.31 (m, 2.8H, *11b*), 1.31 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 0.3H, *11c*), 1.23 – 1.13 (m, 0.2H, *11a*), 0.68 (dddd, J = 9.1, 8.0, 5.3, 4.1 Hz, 0.2H, *11a*), 0.56 (dddd, J = 9.4, 8.0, 5.2, 4.1 Hz, 0.2H, *11a*), 0.40 – 0.31 (m, 0.2H, *11a*), 0.28 (dtd, J = 9.3, 5.2, 4.2 Hz, 0.2H, *11a*). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 158.8, 144.6, 137.9, 137.8, 134.7, 132.2, 131.2, 130.7,

C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 8 158.9, 158.8, 144.6, 137.9, 137.8, 134.7, 132.2, 131.2, 130.7, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 126.2, 126.1, 114.03, 114.02, 55.4, 53.2, 40.2, 33.2, 33.0, 20.5, 16.4, 4.9, 4.4.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm⁻¹): 3026, 2931, 2837, 1607, 1511, 1252, 1176, 1034, 966, 800, 692. **LRMS (GC-MS,** *m***/***z***)**: calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀O [M]⁺: 264.2; found: 3 products, 264.1, 264.1, 264.2. Ratios of **219a–c** were determined by ¹H NMR analysis:



Integration of **219b** was divided by four to account for the contribution of four protons in the multiplet

	NMI	R Integration			
Nickel Catalyst	Cyclopropane (219a)	Linear (219b)	Branched (219c)	Ring Closed Total	Ring Open Total
5%	1.00	7.21	0.25	1.00	7.46
10%	1.00	5.43	0.44	1.00	5.87
20%	1.00	3.38	0.55	1.00	3.93

4.7.6 SFC Traces of Racemic and Enantioenriched Products



28 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 96% ee





180 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 95% ee





181 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 97% ee



#	[min]	туре	[min]	[mAU*s]	nAU*s] [mAU]	
1	5.967	BB	0.2505	3707.96924	227.13380	98.4506
2	9.055	BB	0.2926	58.35402	2.46108	1.5494



182 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 93% ee





183 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 94% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area ۴	
1	9.517	MM	0.2532	523.99091	34.49692	2.8182	
2	10.060	MM	0.3962	1.80691e4	760.05249	97.1818	



184 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 95% ee




185 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 94% ee





186 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 96% ee





187 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 95% ee





188 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 97% ee





189 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 91% ee





190 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 94% ee



#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1						
1	3.925	MM	0.1890	719.84717	63.47777	2.8630
2	4.486	vv	0.3261	2.44231e4	1238.09705	97.1370

276 (de-silylated 191, Table 4.3): racemic



276 (de-silylated 191, Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 89% ee





192 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 97% ee





193 (Table 4.3): enantioenriched, 97% ee

1.993 MM

2

0.0681



41.38256

10.12810

1.5981



194 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 93% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %	
1	6.975	MM	0.2585	1.95437e4	1260.21631	96.6805	
2	8.481	MM	0.2361	671.03094	47.35995	3.3195	



195 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 88% ee





196 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 90% ee





197 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 92% ee



Pear. #	[min]	туре	[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	Area %	
1	5.928	MM	0.2410	5840.89600	403.93130	95.8331	
2	8.292	MM	0.2929	253.96486	14.45295	4.1669	



198 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 94% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	8.150	MM	0.2330	1.27143e4	909.57269	96.9514
2	10.559	MM	0.2917	399.79657	22.84231	3.0486



199 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 82% ee





200 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 97% ee





201 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 95% ee





202 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 97% ee



RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
4.815	MM	0.2214	91.69138	6.90323	1.4194
6.115	BB	0.2659	6368.25781	375.46719	98.5806
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203 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 98% ee

2

5.841 BV



0.2029 272.82288

19.07364

1.1489



204 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 96% ee

2

8.542 VB



0.2824 2.69158e4 1411.98352

98.0404



205 (Table 4.4): enantioenriched, 93% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area ۴
1	3.721	MM	0.1339	1270.64075	158.21689	3.6152
2	4.742	MM	0.3274	3.38765e4	1724.49841	96.3848

208 (Scheme 4.2): racemic



208 (Scheme 4.2): enantioenriched, 91% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area ۶
1	2.889	MM	0.1180	290.67731	41.05857	4.7632
2	6.103	MM	0.2515	5811.83789	385.08493	95.2368

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